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**Geography Vocabulary**

**Climate:** the condition of a place in relation to various phenomena of the atmosphere as temperature, moisture, etc., especially as they affect animal or vegetable life. America's climate is mostly **moderate**, but tropical in Hawaii and Florida, **arctic** in Alaska, semiarid in the Great Plains west of the Mississippi River, and **arid** in the Great Basin of the southwest.

**Terrain: natural feature of the land**

The U.S. terrain is characterized by vast **plains**, mountains in the west, hills and low mountains in the east; rugged mountains and broad river valleys in Alaska; rugged, volcanic topography in Hawaii.

**Major Mountain Ranges**

1. Appalachian Mountains
2. Rocky Mountains
3. Sierra Nevada
4. Smokey Mountains
5. Cascade Mountains

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**River:** a large natural waterway

**Example:** Mississippi River, Missouri River



**Lake:** body of fresh or salt water entirely **surrounded by land**.

**U.S. Great Lakes**

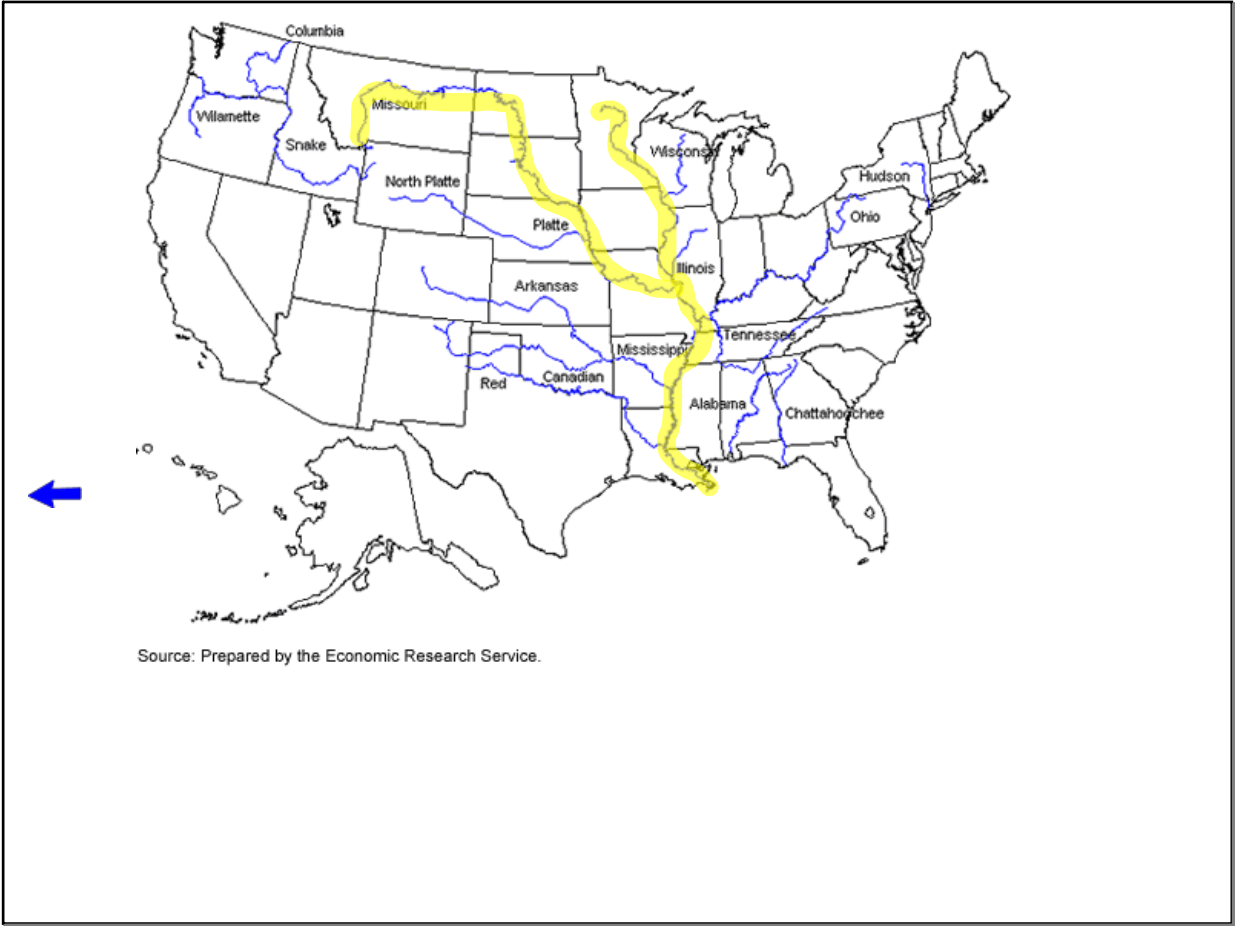
1. Huron
2. Ontario
3. Michigan
4. Erie
5. Superior



**Ocean:** a great body of salt water that occupies 2/3 of the surface of the earth, including the **Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, and Arctic**.



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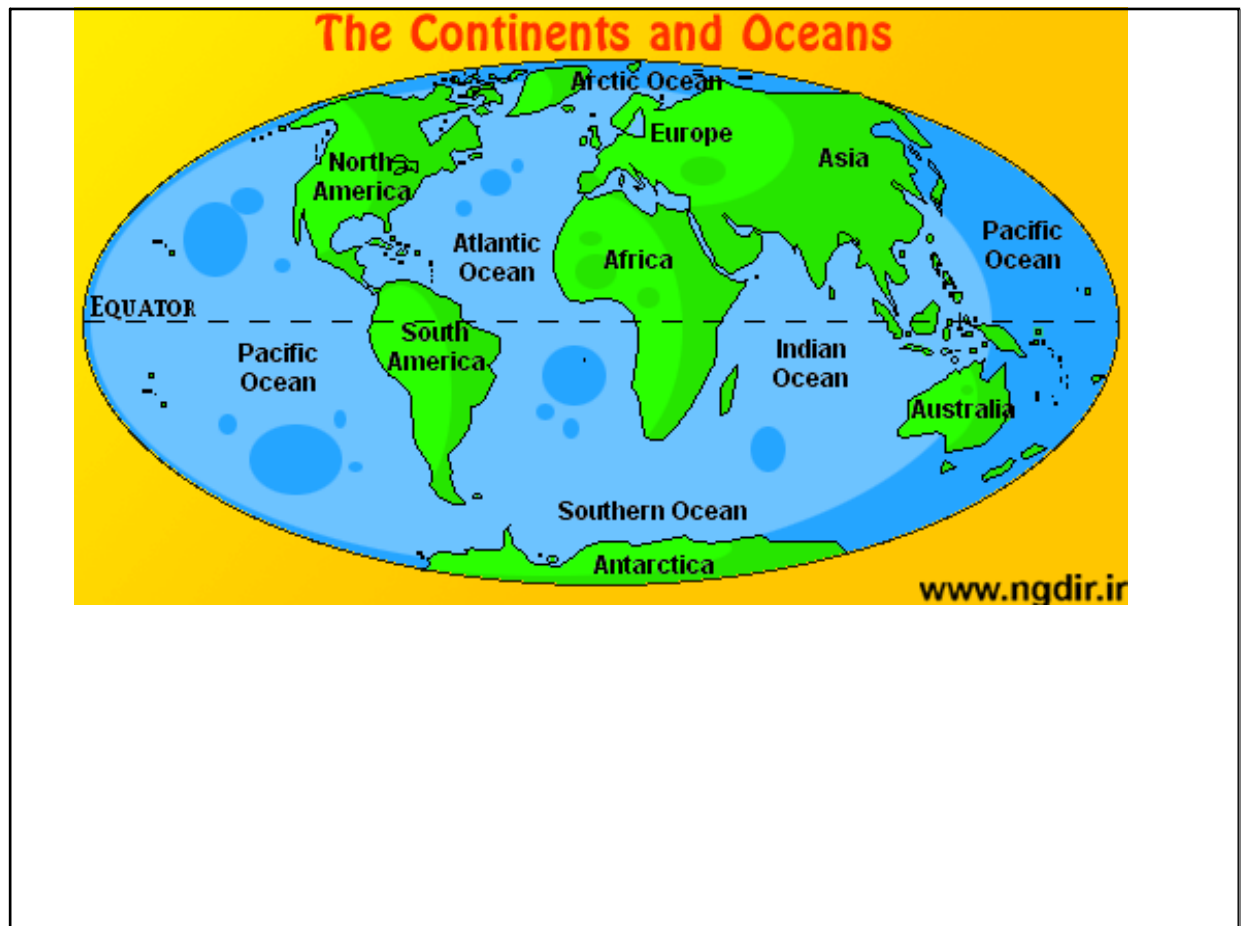


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**Port:** a facility at the edge of an ocean, river or lake for receiving **goods** and transferring cargo and persons to them.

**Examples:**

1. New York City
2. Baltimore
3. San Diego



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**Peninsula:** a body of land that is **surrounded by water** on **three** sides.

**Examples:**

1. **Florida**

2. **Del-Mar-Va (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia)**



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**Gulf:** a portion of an **ocean** that extends into the land and is partly surrounded by land (usually larger than a bay)

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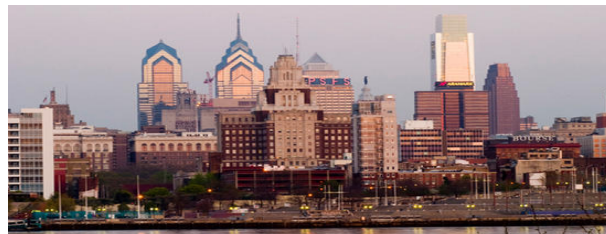
1. **Gulf of Mexico**



**City:** a large or important town

**County:** a region created by territorial division for the purpose of **local government**.

**State:** politically organized people under the same **government**.



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**Territory:** a geographic area under the jurisdiction of a sovereign state. (Ex: Puerto Rico)

**Protectorate:** any state or territory protected and partially controlled either directly or indirectly by an **outside government**. (Ex: Guam)

**Desert:** an area, **either hot or cold**, where the annual **precipitation** is < 25 cm (10 in).

**Mountain Range:** a group of closely spaced mountains or parallel ridges.

**Examples:**

1. Rocky Mountains
2. Sierra Nevada Mountains
3. Appalachian Mountains
4. Smokey Mountains
5. Cascades



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**Plain:** an expanse of land with relatively **low relief** that is often more suitable for farming than plateaus or mountains.


**Coast:** the part of an island or continent that borders an ocean, gulf, sea, or large lake.

**Natural Resources:** coal, copper, lead, molybdenum, phosphate, uranium, bauxite, gold, iron, mercury, nickel, potash, silver, tungsten, zinc, petroleum, natural gas, timber.

**Land Mass:** a large, usually contiguous segment of a **surface or space; area**.




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A cartoon illustration of Homer Simpson, yellow-skinned with a large nose and wide eyes, wearing a white collared shirt. He is positioned on the left side of the slide.

# Analysis of Geography

Now that we know  
**what** it is,  
let's see how  
it matters.

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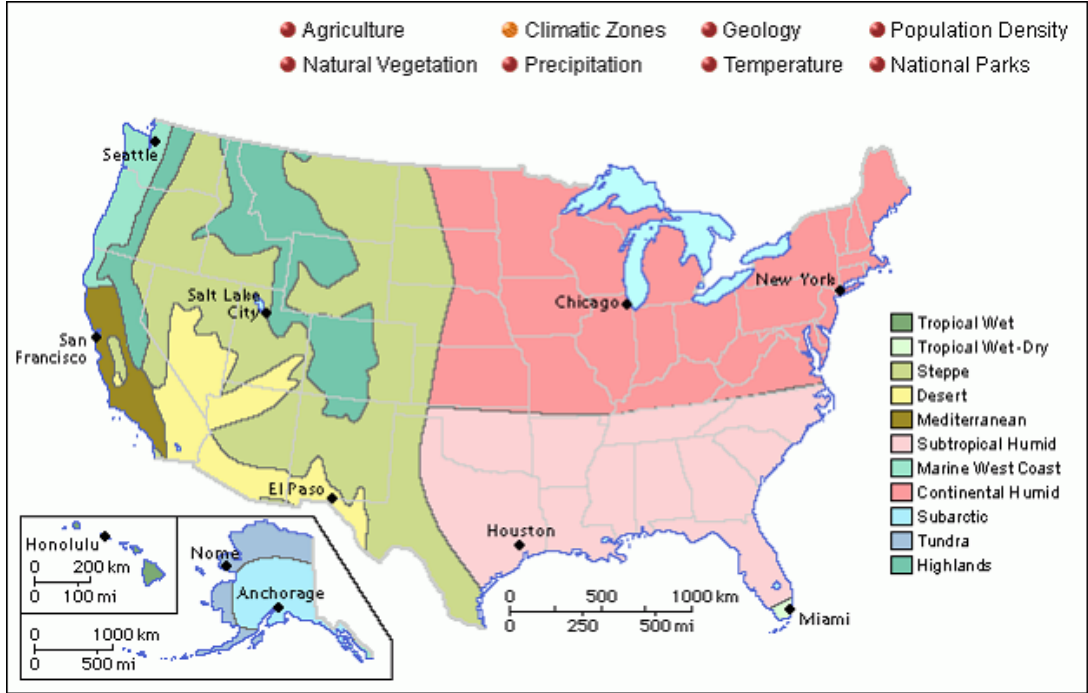
# Analysis of Geography

With a partner,  
answer the questions  
on pages 8 and 9 in  
your packet.

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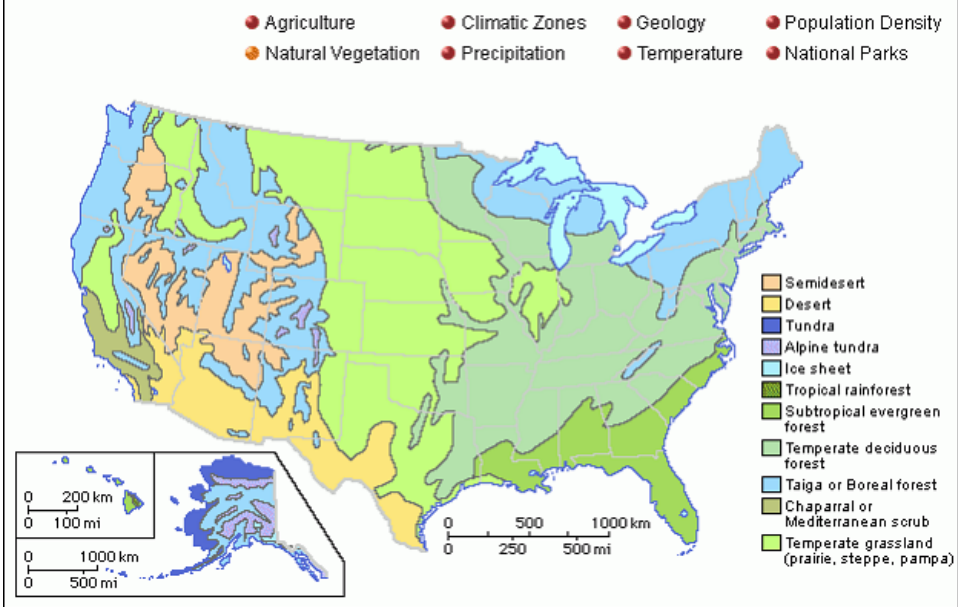
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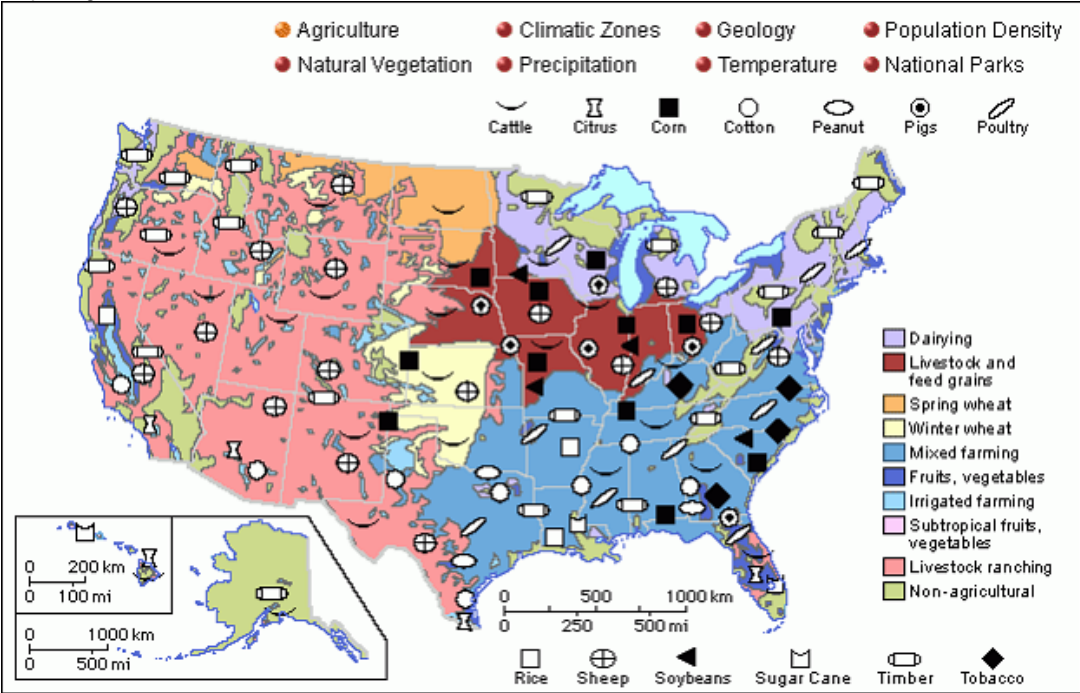
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Map 2: Vegetation



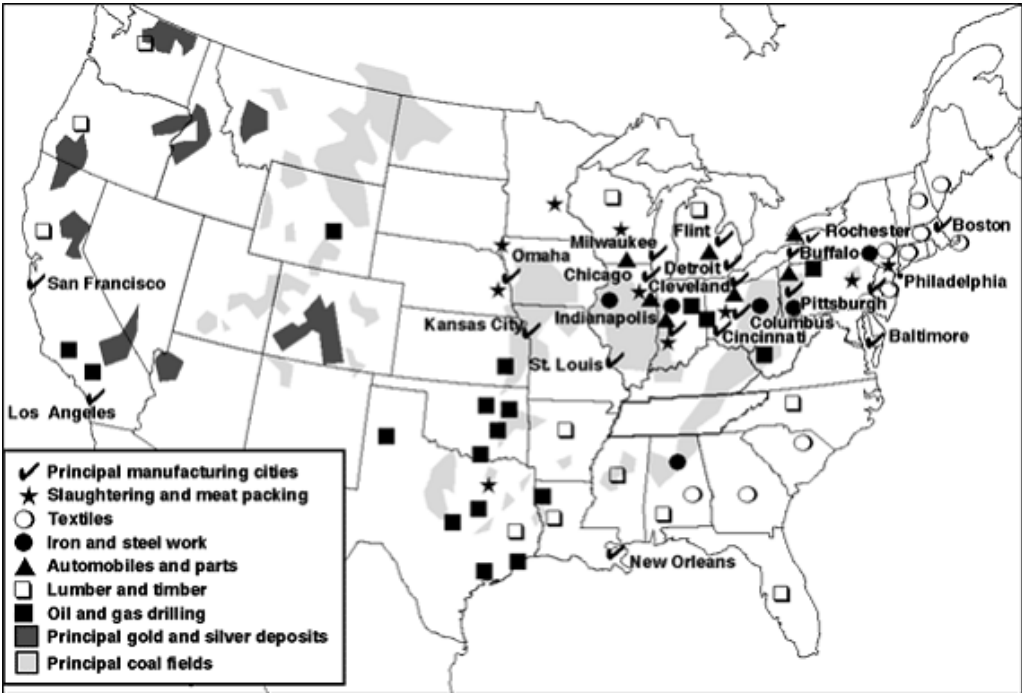
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Map 3: Agriculture



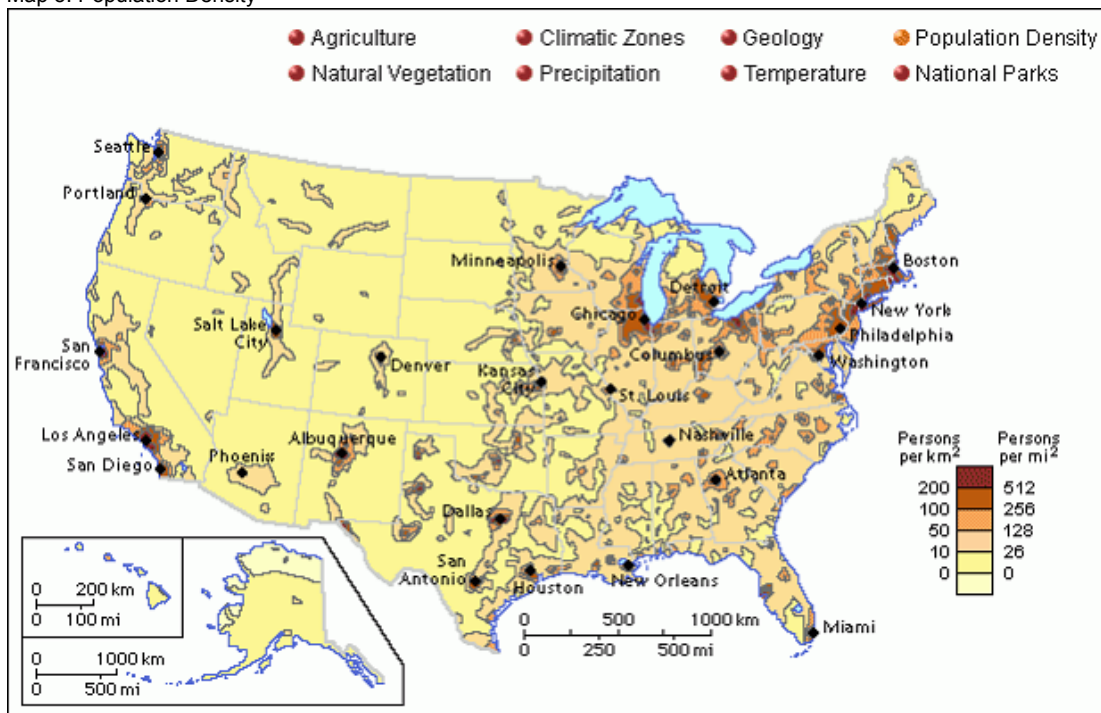
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Map 4: Industry

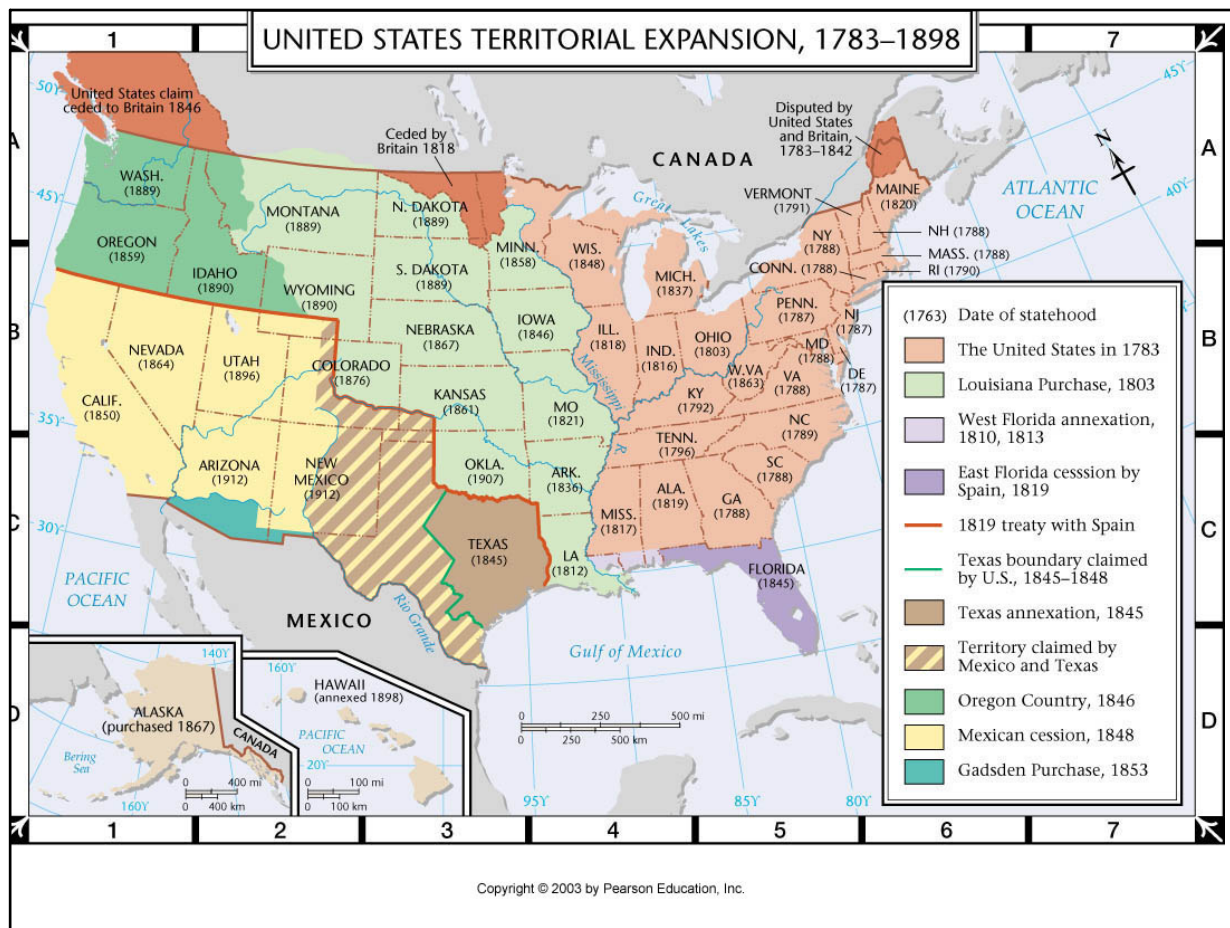


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Map 5: Population Density

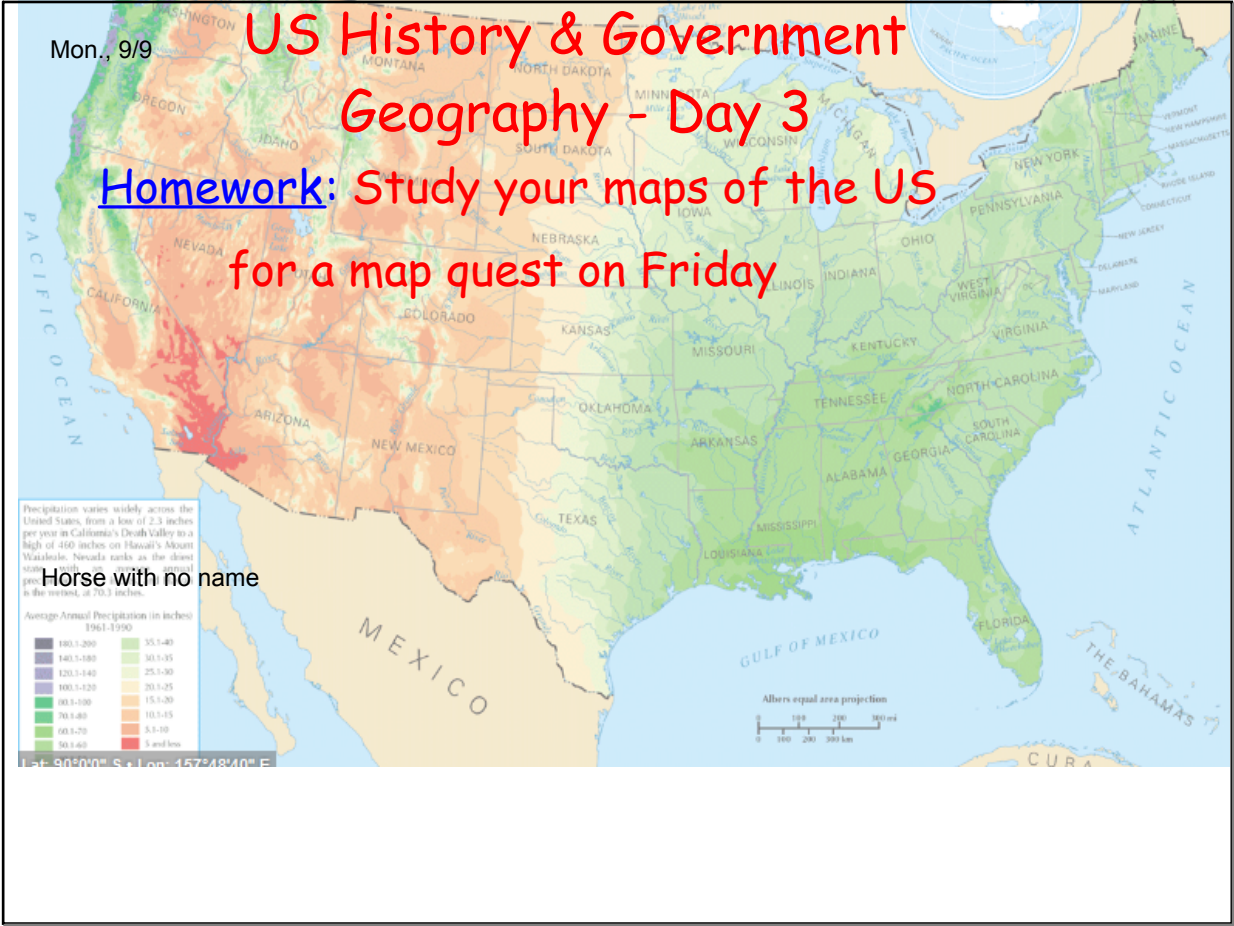


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